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FOUR FIGHT WARMS UP

With only six rounds left the battle for the State League top four is warming up.

Australian referee for Tokyo?

By MARTIN ASTON
It is possible that an Australian Soccer referee will be one of the four neutral referees selected by FIFA to control matches at the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Mr Bob Clark said this yesterday.

The logical choice would be the top Sydney referee Tony Boskovic or either of Victoria's Luigi Cadelli or Roger Lamb.

But Boskovic has fallen from favor following his sensational allegation to the Soccer Federation that an Hakoah official was campaigning to force him out of the game.

He named the official in a letter to the federation.

Hakoah president Mr Karel Rodny threatened to take legal action against Boskovic after the dispute was made public by "Sydney Morning Herald" writer Terry Smith.

The federation are investigating Boskovic's allegation.

Boskovic was relegated to the relatively unimportant match between Budapest-St George and Corinthian last Sunday, but he kept in the headlines by sending off two players, Johnny Galambos (Budapest) and Tom Arnold (Corinthian), for fighting.

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Soccer chiefs to meet the refs.

The Victorian Soccer Federation executive will meet the Referees' Association "within two weeks" to discuss mutual problems.

The executive decided this on Monday night.

Mr George Pedler, president of the Referees'

Association, claimed last week that his association had been waiting nine months for an audi-

ence with the executive. • What readers say on the current referees controversy—see Page 4.

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FEDERATION ACTS TO BRING BACK LOST 'GATES'



J.U.S.T. forward Ted Pejovic slams the ball towards goal in the match against Triestina at Olympic Park on Sunday. J.U.S.T. won 2-1.

In a move to lift falling attendances in Soccer, the Victorian Soccer Federation is almost certain to play only the best games at Olympic Park in future.

The Federation Fixtures Committee hinted this with their draw for Olympic Park games, announced on Monday night. The draw is published on Page 7 today.

In the past, fixtures have been drawn so that each club gets a fair share of games at headquarters — and the big gates which go with it.

But attendances this year have been so poor that the Federation has decided to act to recapture the lost crowds.

Officials had hoped that the Everton tour would have brought back the "lost" British followers of the game, but this has not worked out.

Attendance figures at Olympic Park so far this year are down 20,000 on the same period last year.

In July last year 38,000 people attended Park games. This year only 30,000 attended.

Admittedly the cold winter has kept many people away, but this has not been the real reason.

It is obvious that Soccer fans will not attend Olympic Park in force unless the game of the week is billed there.

A glaring example was last Saturday when the Olympic Park game between Wilhelmina and George Cross drew fewer than 1000. But at Middle Park where the match of the year, Juventus v S.M.-Hellas, was played, more than 7000 attended.

Imagine the crowd if this was played at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Commenting on the fixtures committee draw for Olympic Park for August, a federation official said last night: "No-one could have picked better games. These should bring in the crowds."

Soccer News has always advocated that the match of

Bitter truth!

Moreland's Eric Heath was playing for the coaches against F.N.D. at Flinders on Sunday. (F.N.D. won 6-2).

Two players in F.N.D.'s team impressed Eric very much — in fact they had given him a proper bath in his right back position.

After the game he said he was going to approach them to ask them to play for Moreland.

Then someone told him the bitter truth . . . the two players were Hellas stars Jimmy Adam and John Anderson, on loan to F.N.D. for the day.

Who's for O?

Phil Gibbs, sporting editor of Channel O, is expected to announce the new Soccer commentator for the new channel this weekend.

He said yesterday that he had received many applications for the position and he was keen to select the best man who would appeal not only to Soccer follower but to followers of other sporting codes.

In Sydney and Brisbane the Rugby League match of the day is always played at league headquarters (Sydney Cricket Ground and Lang Park, Brisbane).

In both these States the main match is not decided until after the previous round.

Phil's first sports show will be seen on August 7 Channel O opens on August 1.

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SOCER HOUSE FOR WA NOW

The West Australian Soccer Federation is about to follow Victoria's lead and buy its own Soccer House. They will spend about £20,000 on a building in Perth.

Money received from English Soccer pools firms will be used to finance the project.

A sub-committee has inspected several buildings in and near the city and the federation is now interested in buying an £18,000 property in West Perth.

The federation's annual income from

English Soccer pools is about £3000. This is paid for the copyright on local fixtures.

Until now most of the money has been divided between local clubs, but the 29 clubs in the federation have agreed that all proceeds from pools for the next five years should be retained by the federation in order to establish a head-

quarters.

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Now THEY'RE poaching Bert

It has finally happened ... Sydney's dangerous goal-chaser Herbert Ninaus has become the first Australian player to be illegally "poached" by an overseas club.

He is booked to return home to Austria in a

fortnight despite the fact that his club, Hakoah, have refused to give him a clearance to play there.

Ninaus has received an offer of £1500 plus a free air ticket to join an unknown Austrian club.

This is the first instance of an attempt being made to "poach" an Australian player since our return to FIFA.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Mr Bob Clark, has officially protested to Austria on behalf of the Hakoah club.

"We have protested to Austria about illegal approaches to their former player, Herbert Ninaus, who received an offer of £1500 plus free air passage if he would return to Austria," said Mr Clark in an official information bulletin this week.

Ninaus is one of the players for whom the federation has had to pay compensation to Austria and that is why Hakoah are entitled to demand a big transfer fee for him.

Talk in Soccer circles here is that Hakoah would ask at least £5000 for him.

Obviously reports have got back to Europe of how Ninaus scored three spectacular goals in two matches against the touring Everton team.

Such a feat would attract attention anywhere in the world.

Hakoah dropped Ninaus to the second team last Sunday.

But he gave the club a fitting answer by scoring five goals against Croatia.

The way things are going, some of our superstitious Soccer players are going to be walking around looking like members of Fidel Castro's army.

It all started when Argentinean inside left Victor Fernandez forgot to shave before playing for Budapest-St. George two months ago.

His team scored a surprise win and Fernandez decided that his absent-mindedness had brought luck.

And it had, because Budapest were beaten on the only occasion since then that Fernandez forgot himself and shaved off his whiskers.

He did this for a social engagement.

So Fernandez has decided that he will continue to grow a beard until after Budapest win the premiership ... and there is a good chance they will achieve success.

His new appearance certainly makes Fernandez look the part when he indulges in his spare time hobby of painting in oils.

★ ★ ★

Pan-Hellenics lively right half, Sotos Patrinos, decided recently that he would grow a moustache for luck.

It certainly proved effective enough a week ago when Patrinos gave his best display of the season to inspire Pan-Hellenic to gain a surprise 4-0 win over Hakoah.

But last weekend Pan-Hellenic suffered the humiliating experience of being beaten by the bottom team in the competition, Canterbury-Marrickville.

Patrinos did not know whether to cut off his moustache or cut his throat.

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Prague's former Fulham wing half John Bond slept in and had to rush to the ground without shaving before last Saturday's match against Cumberland United.

He came in for a "roasting" from his teammates.

"Are you trying to build up a 'killer' instinct?" asked Australian captain, Les Scheinflug.

But Bond had the last laugh because he gained the award for the best player on the field when Prague gained a 1-0 win over Cumberland.

He said that in future he will never shave on the day of a match.

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South Coast's Australian squad inside forward Graham Barnett gained a lot of publicity for cultivating a beard when he was playing with Port Vale in England.

Particularly as Port Vale had a surprisingly successful run in the FA Cup which coincided with Barnett's decision to grow a beard.

He decided to grow another beard this year because he thought it might bring him luck in gaining selection in the Australian team against Everton. And it did.

Barnett shaved it off as soon as he gained selection in the Australian squad, but perhaps he should have retained the beard because he gave a disappointing display against Everton in Melbourne.

He is now considering whether to cultivate another beard because South Coast have figured in four goalless draws in the second round of the competition.

MARTIN ASTON

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Patrinos — moustache



Bond — whiskers

Barnett — beard

Two clubs want to come here

By MARTIN ASTON

Who wants to play a match against the highly rated Hungarian team Vasas or the Czechoslovakian club Jednota Trenčín?

Both these teams want to come here for a series of matches at the end of this year.

Vasas are interested in negotiating for up to 10 games in Australia between November 1 and December 20.

As a starting point they require a payment of 2000 dollars a match as well as return air fares and accommodation for a party of 20 people.

Their agent in Australia is Mr J. Baneth, of 78 Drumalbyn Rd, Bellevue Hill, Sydney, and anyone interested should contact him.

You can get "Jednota" Trenčín to come here at a slightly cheaper rate.

There are willing to play for a fee of 1500 dollars a match as well as air fares and accommodation for a party of 23 people.

But they also are asking for an allowance of three dollars a day pocket money for their players.

The address is "Jednota" Trenčín, Trenčín, Czechoslovakia.

The National team of Malta also is available to make a tour of Australia at time and on conditions to be negotiated.

Their address is: Malta Football Association, 84 Old Mint St., Valletta, Malta.

These details were made available by Bob Clark, the Australian Soccer Federation secretary.

FIFA PAID £3000

The 1964 instalment of £3000 will be paid to FIFA by the end of the month.

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Juventus	16	9	4	3	29	18	22	Makedonia	15	13	2	0	50	11	28
Slovia	16	9	4	3	25	17	22	Croatia	15	11	3	1	40	14	25
J.U.S.T.	16	8	5	3	26	20	21	Sandringham	15	8	3	4	31	21	19
S.M.-Hellas	16	9	3	4	42	35	21	Oakleigh	15	8	2	5	32	29	18
George Cross	16	7	4	5	27	22	18	Box Hill	15	6	4	5	25	25	16
Penolia	15	6	4	5	33	19	16	Moreland	15	6	3	6	34	32	15
Hakoah	16	5	4	7	37	36	14	Coburg	15	6	2	7	38	39	14
Melbourne	16	6	2	8	33	39	14	Austria	16	6	2	8	32	34	14
Wilhelmina	16	5	3	8	27	34	13	Dandenong	16	6	2	8	35	39	14
Lions	15	3	5	7	29	35	17	Richmond	16	4	1	11	24	43	9
Triestina	16	4	3	9	15	29	11	Sunshine City	16	3	2	11	23	43	8
Alexander	16	3	1	12	17	36	7	Boyswater	15	1	2	12	21	55	4

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

STATE LEAGUE		FIRST DIVISION RESERVES						SECOND DIVISION RESERVES						THIRD DIVISION									
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Polonio	16	10	2	4	52	26	22	Dandenong	15	10	4	1	46	25	24	Brighton	17	11	5	1	34	14	27
Hakoah	15	11	0	4	47	25	22	Box Hill	15	11	3	1	45	13	23	Collingwood	16	9	6	1	41	17	24
George Cross	13	10	1	2	41	15	21	Croatia	15	9	2	4	31	21	19	Fernree Gully	15	9	2	4	48	31	20
Juventus	15	8	1	6	51	25	17	Sandringham	15	8	2	5	32	29	18	Libertos	16	8	3	5	28	23	19
Wilhelmina	14	8	1	5	43	29	17	Oakleigh	15	6	4	5	25	25	16	Brighton	16	6	4	6	29	27	16
Melbourne	14	8	0	6	46	33	16	Box Hill	15	6	3	6	34	32	15	Prahran	16	7	0	9	27	37	14
Slovia	16	7	1	8	33	37	15	Coburg	15	6	2	7	38	39	14	Park Rangers	15	4	5	6	37	33	13
Lions	16	6	2	8	23	28	13	Austria	16	6	2	8	32	34	14	South Yarra	16	3	7	6	20	34	13
S.M.-Hellas	13	6	1	6	22	23	13	Dandenong	16	6	2	8	35	39	14	St. Albans	14	4	4	6	19	16	12
Triestina	15	3	1	11	20	58	7	Richmond	16	4	1	11	24	43	9	Williamstown	16	5	2	9	31	53	12
J.U.S.T.	14	2	2	10	16	54	6	Sunshine City	16	3	2	11	23	43	8	University	15	4	3	8	26	25	11
Alexander	15	3	0	12	13	54	6	Boyswater	15	1	2	12	21	55	4	F.N.D.	16	3	1	12	20	50	7

THIS WEEK-END

STATE LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE		SECOND DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Irons	v Alexander						
Hakoah	v Slovia						
Juventus	v Melbourne						
J.U.S.T.	v S.M.-Hellas						
George Cross	v Triestina						
Wilhelmina	v Polonio						

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

STATE LEAGUE		FIRST DIVISION						THIRD DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	F	A
Boyswater	v Richmond												
Dandenong	v Makedonia												
Sandringham	v Box Hill												
Oakleigh	v Moreland												
Austria	v Coburg												
Sunshine City	v Croatia												

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

STATE LEAGUE		SECOND DIVISION RESERVES						THIRD DIVISION					
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Boyswater	v Richmond												
Dandenong	v Makedonia												
Sandringham	v Box Hill												
Oakleigh	v Moreland												
Austria	v Coburg												
Sunshine City	v Croatia												

FIRST DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		FOURTH DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Boyswater	v Richmond						
Dandenong	v Collingwood						
Sandringham	v University						
Oakleigh	v Fernree Gully						
Austria	v Libertos						
Sunshine City	v Moreland						

SECOND DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		FIFTH DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Boyswater	v Waverley						
Dandenong	v Mooroolbark						
Sandringham	v Carlton						
Oakleigh	v Flemington						
Austria	v Essendon						
Sunshine City	v Ringwood						

THIRD DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		SIXTH DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Boyswater	v Brighton						
Dandenong	v Brighton						
Sandringham	v Brighton						
Oakleigh	v Brighton						
Austria	v Brighton						
Sunshine City	v Brighton						

FOURTH DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		SEVENTH DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Boyswater	v Waverley						
Dandenong	v Mooroolbark						
Sandringham	v Carlton						
Oakleigh	v Flemington						
Austria	v Essendon						
Sunshine City	v Ringwood						

FIFTH DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		EIGHTH DIVISION					
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Boyswater	v Brighton						
Dandenong	v Brighton						
Sandringham	v Carlton						
Oakleigh	v Flemington						
Austria	v Essendon						
Sunshine City	v Ringwood						

SIXTH DIVISION

STATE LEAGUE		SEVENTH DIVISION					
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POLICEMAN MOVES ON

Senior Constable Keith Alwyn, of Richmond South, who has been on regular duty at Olympic Park for more than five years, has been transferred to Frankham. The Victorian Federation will make him a presentation before he leaves.

Harry talks on THE game

Croatia winner Harry Richmond gave a talk on "Soccer to oust Aussie Rules" at Ormond Church of Christ Men's Society on Tuesday night. Harry is working with former football umpire Harry Belzal as a public relations expert. His big job at the moment is the Mersey Milkrun Appeal.

Friendly wanted
The FCI of Werribee is looking for a friendly game. Any club interested please phone Werribee 892 any week night except Wednesday.

'GIVE US MONEY — AND SEE HOW WE GROW' . . .

— A plea from the juniors

By FRED VILLIERS

If the Victorian Junior Soccer Federation had the money, there would be twice the number of juniors playing the game by 1969.

This is the opinion of Mr Dick Harvey, chairman of the junior body.

Dick, who is an executive of Ampol, sponsors of night Soccer in Victoria, believes there is no future for the game unless more money is spent on the promotion of the game in the schools.

He says the junior body is inundated with requests from schools in the country and the metropolitan area for help to introduce Soccer to schoolboys, but the Junior Federation has no money to help them.

Dick said the Junior secretary, Mr Don Joiner, had

recently received 15 letters from schools asking for assistance to start Soccer but his body was unable to supply the necessary balls, nets, strip and goalposts.

Dick told me the Federation executive was sympathetic but they had no answer to the juniors' problems.

But Dick says he has the answer. If a proportion of the Olympic Park gate each week was taken for junior promotion, as well as a proportion of the Pool's money, the juniors would have enough to help promote the game.

He said one executive member had suggested a

couple of international matches should be played with proceeds going towards the juniors, but Dick says this would raise only about £2000 and this would be insufficient for the big task ahead.

"Finance is our only problem," he said.

"Unless the juniors are supported there will be no Soccer in the future," he told me.

Reminder

At this stage Dick reminded me of what Sir Stanley Rous, FIFA president, told Victorian administrators during his visit here.

• To promote Soccer in Victoria administrators

R.I.P.

Juventus followers discovered a real coffin in a Carlton house after the Juventus-Triestina game.

The coffin, weighing 1 cwt, was painted in black and white stripes (Juventus colors) with an expensive set of burning candles and ribbon with the inscription "With sorrow and love."

The joke is believed to be the product of Triestine fans.

The coffin was quickly repainted red and then burned in front of Carlton Cemetery's gate.

—RINALDO GRANDI

must get rid of all glory-seeking officials, and

• Junior Soccer must be promoted to the full.

Dick says: "Give us the money we require and in five years the juniors will double in Victoria.

"Once we give juniors balls, strips, coaches and goalposts they will be in Soccer for ever."

Another problem the Junior administration faced was the unruly behavior of some of their adult officials.

Dick said the junior body would deal severely with anyone misbehaving at meetings or during the course of their duty.

Adult administrators who misbehaved would be suspended or a bond would be placed on their club.

"There have been instances lately where junior administrators have allowed their enthusiasm to cause them to lose control and behave in such a manner as to be a bad example to players under their control," he said.

"The coffin, weighing 1 cwt, was painted in black and white stripes (Juventus colors) with an expensive set of burning candles and ribbon with the inscription "With sorrow and love."

"I deal with tactics of course, and enthusiasm," he said. "But I do not go out and tell the boys to kill the other team; in fact, my last words to them are 'Go out and enjoy the game.'"

Dick said he wondered what some of the junior teams were told during pre-game briefing.

If juniors received the proper attention of all people associated with Soccer in Victoria today, then in 10 years time State League clubs would be able to field all Australian-born players in their teams. So says TED LEZON in this story on the Polonia youth program . . .

Most State League clubs have under their wings junior teams ranging from eight to 18 years, and these are the clubs who will reap the benefit in years to come.

Polonia have an impressive record with juniors. They have eight clubs run by independent committees and affiliated with the mother club.

Some of the coaches of the juniors are "old boys" of Polonia. Polonia-Glenroy is coached by Bob Zablocki, former Victorian star player, and Olympia-St. Albans is coached by Ted Bielak.

In contrast, Steve Katalik, one of the youngest members of the Polonia club, is coaching Polonia-Yarraville.

Former player R. Dronia is now coaching Ardeer juniors and is showing excellent results with his teams of under-14 and under-18.

This week I spoke with the president of Ardeer JSC, Mr J. Klimecki.

Ardeer club is part of the Polish Charity Organisation in Ardeer, which looks after its needs and welfare.

The committee headed by Mr J. Klimecki and ably helped by Messrs B. Sowiac, H. Wrobel, K. Antczak and J. Suski have acquired a fenced-in ground in Helene Reserve in Ardeer. They have put in a lot of man-hours to level the ground and make it suitable for the boys to play on.

The financial position of the club appears to be quite healthy, mainly due to hard work of the committee and the players.

THEY'VE THE WHOLE (SOCCER) WORLD IN THEIR HANDS . . .

Together with the Polish Charity Organisation they organise parties and dances, proceeds from which cover the expenses for the running of the club.

Ardeer JSC has three teams, under-12, under-14 and under-18 years. The under-12 team is coached by Mr A. Krupko, a former junior player.

All teams play in the North of the Yarra competition and their respective positions on the ladder are as follows: Under-12 occupy 4th place with 10 pts. and only 4 pts. from the top; Under-14 are on top with 15 pts. and an excellent goal average of 26 for and 1 against; Under-18 are second in their group.

There is real talent among the boys in Ardeer. Many of them have been selected to represent the club.

North of the Yarra District as well as Victoria in interstate matches.

But Ardeer JSC is only one of eight clubs associated with Polonia SC. Other clubs are equally well run and looked after with many enthusiastic youngsters kicking the round ball, thus assuring Soccer in Victoria a great future.

These are the lucky clubs. There are many others who do not enjoy these privileges.

We would like to hear their story, in the hope that we can draw the attention of people who should be concerned with their welfare and progress. Write to Soccer News, 52 Fitzroy St, St. Kilda.

FOOTNOTE: Ardeer under-12 and under-18 reached the junior cup final in their groups last Saturday.

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